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FOR AHERNE AND LORD ONLY

FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT OF 23 DECEMBER.

1. INTRODUCTION, PAGE A: DELETE PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 (FROM "SADNESS. . . "THROUGH " . . . ANOTHER"). MAKE END OF PARAGRAPH 4 READ " . . . INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS OF CHARACTER, AND SINCE IT IS PRIVATE, IT IS NOT COVERED BY LAWS OF LIBEL." THEN INSERT ENTIRE PARAGRAPH (4) BETWEEN PARA ENDING " . . . SALZBURG", AND THE NEXT PARA BEGINNING "BUT ONE THING. . ."
  2. MAIN TEXT, PAGE ONE, GENERAL COMMENT: "I WANT A FEW PARAGRAPHS OF WHERE WE ARE, AND WHAT'S AHEAD, AND SOME WORDS OF SUPPORT FOR MY SUCCESSOR. . . ASKING FOR COMPASSION FOR HIM. THIS IS OKAY, THOUGH SCARCELY EVELATED. THE TONE OF THIS SHOULD BE WARMER AND MORE PERSONAL. MANY GOOD IDEAS, BUT TOO ACADEMIC."
  3. PAGE FOUR: SENTENCE FOUR SHOULD READ "...EXTENSION OF DIPLOMACY, AND USUALLY WAS IMMENSELY POPULAR."
  4. PAGE FIVE: A--SENTENCE FIVE -- INSERT "UNDERLINED" VICE  
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- "RETAUGHT US." B--LAST THREE LINES -- "PLATITUDES".
5. PAGE SEVEN, BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES: "(NEEDS) BETTER TRANSITION, AND MAKE IT LESS (POMPOUS) AND THE TONE A LITTLE LIGHTER. I AM NOT GOING TO CHANGE MANY MINDS AT THIS LATE STAGE."

6. PAGE EIGHT: A -- FIRST TICK -- "PUT IN) MORE ON PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT, AND NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING. MAKE A LITTLE LIGHTER."  
B -- SECOND TICK -- "REPRASE. PHRASED THIS WAY, IT GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT WE THINK NEW INFORMATION IS NOT USEFUL. THE FACT IS THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE."

7. PAGE NINE: A -- FIRST TICK -- "TOO DIDACTIC. WE SHOULD PHRASE THIS MORE MELLOWLY." B -- LAST FOUR LINES -- "FASCINATION WITH PERSONALITY STRUGGLES WHICH IN FACT PRODUCED PERSONALITY STRUGGLES."

8. PAGE 10, GENERAL COMMENTS: "CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEM. LACK OF FOCUSSED LEADERSHIP. SHIFTING COALITIONS. BUT SAY SOMETHING CONCILIATORY, TOO."

9. PAGE ELEVEN, GENERAL COMMENT: "A LITTLE MORE POWER FOR CONGRESS. THIS IS MY LAST PUBLIC SPEECH. IT SHOULD BE MORE CONCILIATORY AND STATESMANLIKE. LAST THREE LINES ARE TWO LECTUREING."

10. PAGE THIRTEEN: "RATHER MENTION THREE BODIES (OF FSO'S MURDERED ON DUTY THAT HAVE RETURNED (DURING MY STEWARDSHIP)".

11. PAGE SIXTEEN, LINE SIX: "TOO HEAVY".

12. PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH SHOULD END "I WISH THEM THE BEST."

13. SECRETARY PLAINLY ANXIOUS TO GET TO WORK ON THIS SPEECH. HE DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE WHEN HE WANTS TO SEE YOUR NEXT  
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CUT, BUT YOU OUGHT TO TURN THIS AROUND AS FAST AS YOU CAN.  
PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN WE WILL HAVE IT BACK.

14. CHEERS. KISSINGER

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